Hyattstown, Md. 20734
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Dear Congressman Kupferman,

Thank you for your letter of August 17 and the enclosed release.

I am glad you have read Sylvia Meagher's book. I have not read it but know her and her work and have the higest respect for both. We are in substantial but not complete agreement. If there is anything you can do to help her book, I hope it is an effort you will make, for she and her work warrant it and the welfare of the country requires it.

Again I encourage you to be careful with the pictures and X-rays. This is an enormously complicated, a truly vast subject. There is much data independent of the pictures and X-rays that is also vital. There is a limit to what these pictures and X-rays can show, prove or disprove.

In this field there are also experts who are not but who are so advertised, who are not like Sylvia, thoroughly gounded in the existing evidence. It is possible to make the most serious errors. Right now their effect would be much worse than earlier. I fear there is no shortcut to knowledge, no proof in glibness or preconceptions. The pictures and X-rays can be misused. There is a basic and quite serious flaw in your approach. I know you do not understand it, that those from whom you got counsel are not aware of it, else you'd not have made it to begin with and would not continue it. I hope to complete my writing on this aspect shortly and perhaps then will be able to tell and show you more.

Dr. Halperin is, without doubt, one of the greatest, most respected and most worthy of respect in his field. However, that field also has its limitations, not reflected ib the Argosy piece. The most gifted pathologist is no magician, no seer. I repeat, there is no substitute for knowledge ~~on that~~ and vital fact that can not be discovered bym pathology. Keep up your interest and effort, but do not expect magical results or magical evidence. Perhaps some day if you hav the time and disposition, I can go down for a chat. I am but an hour away. There are a number of aspects of the autopsy and pictures and X-rays of which you seem unaware. Sincerely

Harold Weisberg